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the questions discussed have a purely speculative interest, others have a practical bearing on every-day life.

**Outlines of Lessons in Botany.**<sup>3</sup>—Miss Newell has adopted a pleasant method of introducing the study of plant life to children. This volume (Part 2) treats of flowers and fruit. Beginning with the early bulbous plants she gives directions for observing, comparing and describing the various parts of the flower. As the lessons progress through the spring flowers, common weeds, composites and summer flowers, opportunity is given to discuss in detail the functions of the different organs, cross-fertilization, æstivation, inflorescence, the seed, the fruit, and the morphology of the flower. Points are brought out by pertinent questions, and so by easy stages the child is taught to observe for himself. Brief descriptions of sixty families of flowering plants are given in addition to the ones described in the lessons. The illustrations are numerous and good.

<sup>3</sup>Outlines of Lessons in Botany, by Jane H. Newell. Part 2, Flower and Fruit, illustrated by H. P. Symmes. Ginn & Co., Publishers, Boston, 1892.